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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**"METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT OF HEARING AIDS THAT INCLUDE IMPLANTED ACTUATORS"**

and invented by:

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**Application Elements**

1.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
  
2.  Specification having 63 pages and including the following:
  - a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b.  Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
  - c.  Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
  - d.  Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e.  Background of the Invention
  - f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - h.  Detailed Description
  - i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j.  Abstract of the Disclosure

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3.  Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)
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  - b.  Informal Number of Sheets 13
4.  Oath or Declaration
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  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5.  Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6.  CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
7.  Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)
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  - a.  Computer Readable Form (CFR)
  - b.  Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii.  Paper
  - c.  Statement(s) Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

## Accompanying Application Parts

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations
13.  Preliminary Amendment
14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
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17. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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17.  Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

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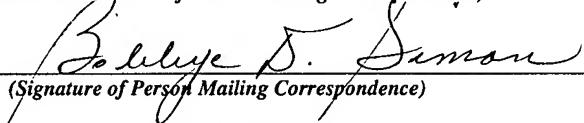
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